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PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1958.

To which is added

The Annual Report of the

SURVEYOR AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Public Health Officers of the Authority :-

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June, 1959.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the
Peterborough Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1958, having acted as Medical Officer of Health to the Peterborough Rural District, pending this being taken over by Dr. Diana McKnight, Assistant to me as County Medical Officer to the Soke of Peterborough.

The general health of the district has been extremely good.

The live birth rate of 18.0 per 1,000 of the population is 1.0 lower than that for 1957, but is higher than that for England and Wales as a whole, which is 16.4.

It is satisfactory to note that the infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births is 7.2 only, compared with a rate of 22.5. for England and Wales as a whole.

The still-birth rate of 14.1. is also considerably lower than that for the country, which is 21.6.

The death rate of 10.1 is slightly lower than the national figure of 11.7 per 1,000 home population. There was one death from tuberculosis, but no deaths from other infectious or contagious diseases.

The number of notified cases of infectious disease was only 89, compared with 261 notified in the previous year. 65 of these were cases of measles and 17 whooping cough.

For the first time, two Clearance Areas were defined.

The laying of sewers throughout the Peterborough Rural District continued during the year. It is now possible to take action on public health nuisances resulting in the fouling of ditches by sewage. In those areas which are fully sewered, it is, of course, recommended most strongly, on public health grounds, that all premises should be connected to the sewers now laid.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE NISBET.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	28,186 acres
Estimated population	7,770
Number of inhabited houses from Rate Book ..	2,498
Rateable Value	£63,023
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£254

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

<u>Live Births.</u>	Males	71
	Females	68
	Total	<u>139</u>
<u>Live birth rate per 1,000 population</u>	18.0	
<u>Still-births</u>	2	
<u>Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still births</u>	14.1	
<u>Total live and still-births</u>	141	
<u>Infant Deaths</u>	1	
<u>Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births; total</u>	7.2	
<u>Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births; legitimate</u>	7.8	
<u>Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births; illegitimate</u>	0.0	
<u>Neo-natal mortality rate</u>	7.2	
<u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u>	7.8%	
<u>Maternal Deaths</u>	Nil	
<u>Maternal mortality rate</u>	0.0	
<u>Death rate per 1,000 population</u>	10.1	

INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

INJURIES AND CAUSES OF DEATHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Tuberculosis respiratory	1	-
Tuberculosis (other forms)	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other Infective & Parasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	2	-
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus	4	1
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasm	7	2
Leukaemia & Aleukacmia	-	-
Diabetes	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	8
Coronary diseases	4	6
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-
Other heart diseases	3	2
Other circulatory diseases	6	1
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	4	1
Bronchitis	-	-
Other Diseases Respiratory system	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth & Abortion	-	-
Congenital malformation	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	3	5
Motor Vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	-	3
Suicide	-	1
Homicide & operations of war	-	-
	<u>47</u>	<u>32</u>

NET DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	Total under 1 year
Premature Birth and Malformation etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total =	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM.

	Total cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Pneumonia	3	-	-
Salmonella Typhiinurium	1	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Measles	65	-	-
Whooping Cough	17	2	-
Total =	89	4	-

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Not known	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	Total
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pneumonia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3
Salmonella Typhiinurium	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Measles	1	2	6	5	6	12	30	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	65
Whooping Cough	1	1	3	1	3	2	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Total =	2	4	9	6	9	14	38	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	89

TUBERCULOSIS.

	Deaths during 1958				New Cases during 1958			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-25 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-55 "	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-65 "	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Over 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total =	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

New cases notified during 1955 = 5
" " " " 1956 = 2
" " " " 1957 = 1
" " " " 1958 = 1

FACTORY ACT.

1. Inspection for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspect- ions	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22	25	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	31	37	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as, two three or more "cases" .

	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were insti- tuted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences :-					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	1	1	-	-	-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Nursing in the Home.

Under the County Council Scheme Nursing Services are available in all villages of the District.

Home Helps.

Home Helps can be obtained through the County Council Services. Application should be made to :-

The Home Help Organiser,
County Council Offices,
Bridge Street,
Peterborough.

General Hospitals.

The Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, administered by the Peterborough No. 12 Area Hospital Management Committee of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Isolation Hospitals.

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the management of the above Hospital Management Committee.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

(a) Provided by the Soke of Peterborough County Council.

Child Welfare

Clinics :-

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| (a) Village Hall, Castor. | 2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoon each month. |
| (b) Kendall's Tea Rooms, Eye. | 1st & 3rd Tuesday afternoon each month. |
| (c) Village College, Glinton. | 1st Thursday & 3rd Wednesday afternoon each month. |
| (d) Village Hall, Newborough. | 2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoon each month. |

School Clinic.

At the Arthur Mellows Village College, Glinton. Monday mornings.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Provided by the General Practitioner Service under the County Council.

(b) Provided by the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.
Peterborough Area Hospital Management Committee.

Tuberculosis.

The Chest Clinic,
1 Thorpe Road,
Peterborough.

Venercal Disease.

The Memorial Hospital,
Midland Road,
Peterborough.

Male Clinics :-

Monday & Wednesday

5.30 p.m. - 7. p.m.

Female Clinics :-

Tuesday

10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

Thursday

5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Laboratory Facilities.

Public Health Laboratory,
Memorial Hospital,
Peterborough.

Bacteriological examinations are provided for Preventative
Medicine of the Public Health Service for the General Practitioner
Health Service.

Details of Water Supplies to houses in the respective villages as estimated by the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

PARISH	Total No. of Houses.	(a) Supplied direct to house.	Population represented thereby.	(b) To Stand- Pipes.	Population represented thereby.	From Wells
ALLSWORTH	79	28	85	48	177	3
BOROUGH FEN	89	47	168	35	122	7
CASTOR	213	153	504	54	190	6
DEEPING GATE	91	60	197	31	109	-
ETTON	52	28	91	19	66	7
EYE	716	603	2,057	109	393	4
GLINTON	306	263	772	37	132	6
HELPSTON	235	156	537	73	256	6
MARHOLM	64	36	126	28	98	-
MAXEY	124	89	293	30	105	5
NEWBOROUGH	257	193	652	61	215	3
NORTHBOROUGH	184	148	418	31	105	5
PEAKIRK	90	49	168	39	139	2
SUTTON	27	10	35	14	59	3
UPTON	28	18	58	10	36	-

Annual Report - Details concerning Food and Food Premises.

(1) Number of Food Premises in the Area by type of business.

General Stores	32
Butchers	4
Fish Shops	2
Confectioners	1
Canteens	8

(2) Number of Food Premises by type under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Fish Frying	2
Ice Cream	25
Preserved Meats	5

(3) Number of Dairies registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations 1949 - 1954.

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(4) Number of Inspections of registered food premises.

42

The majority of food shops in the district are small general stores attached to living accommodation. A good standard of cleanliness and hygiene is maintained at most of these.

(5) The Method of Disposal of Condemned Food.

Condemned meat from the three slaughterhouses is disposed of to a firm who deal in waste products and receipts for same are furnished by the butchers.

It was not found necessary to carry out any special examination of stock or consignment of food.

The majority of ice cream sold in the district is pre-packed and all is sold from standard type refrigerators.

Owing to pressure of other work, routine inspections of food premises were fewer than in other years and there still remain a few premises that are not up to the standard of the Food Hygiene Regulations regarding washing facilities.

Appendix.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle (excluding Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
NUMBER KILLED (if known)	176	-	-	378	177	-
Number inspected	176	-	-	378	177	-
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci</u> Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	6	NIL	NIL	NIL	8	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	3%	NIL	NIL	NIL	4.5%	NIL
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	6	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2%	NIL	NIL	NIL	3%	NIL
<u>Cysticercus only</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Generalised & totally condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector, Surveyor and
Water Engineer for the year 1958.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my first Annual Report.

Generally speaking, the year has been one of steady progress. The Sewerage Scheme for the Parishes of Castor and Ailsworth was virtually completed by the end of the year and connections to the sewers had already been commenced.

A start was made in the Autumn on the largest Sewerage Scheme in the district to serve Glington, Helpston, Etton and Peakirk. Work is proceeding in the Parish of Glington and it is hoped that householders in this Parish will be in a position to connect up by the end of 1959.

The Council decided at the end of the year, to proceed with the Sewerage Scheme for Deeping Gate and it is hoped to have this completed during 1959, subject, of course, to Ministry sanction.

During the year, the Council approved a scheme to improve the water supply at Eyc, where pressures are very low at peak demand periods. The Consulting Engineers have been asked to investigate the water supply position for the Parishes of Castor, Ailsworth, Sutton and Upton as it was felt that the present arrangements would not be adequate to meet future needs following the completion of the Sewerage Scheme.

The Council approved several small schemes to lay polythene water services to isolated properties off the line of the water mains and the percentage of properties enjoying a piped water supply will soon be approaching 100.

The Council continued to offer improvement Grants (the maximum where applicable) to persons wishing to bring their properties up to modern standards and although there was a slight falling off in the number of applications received, it is anticipated that there will be an increase following the completion of sewerage schemes and as a result of a new Housing Bill now before Parliament.

During the year, the Council introduced a cesspool emptying service in the district and at the end of the year the vehicle was being employed practically full-time on this work.

Following a report on the refuse collection service, the Contractor agreed to fix a hard top to his vehicle to prevent refuse and dust blowing about.

The Old Fire Station and a shed were moved from Castor to the depot at Crowland Road, Eyc, so that all stores and equipment could be housed at the one depot.

The Council declared two Clearance Areas in the Parish of Newborough affecting 12 houses and also dealt with a number of individual unfit houses by way of Closing and Demolition Orders.

Public Health work, such as routine inspections of houses, food premises, shops and factories was greatly reduced because of insufficient time available, due to work on other duties and because the Council were unable to appoint an Additional Public Health Inspector owing to the national shortage of these officers.

Public Health Work.

Infectious Diseases.

The following infectious disease cases were notified during the year in the various villages, as follows :-

	<u>Scarlet</u> <u>Fever.</u>	<u>Tuberculosis.</u>	<u>Poliomyelitis.</u>	<u>Food</u> <u>Poisoning.</u>
Ailsworth.	-	1	-	-
Borough Fen.	-	1	-	-
Eyc.	1	-	-	-
Glington.	-	-	-	-
Helpston.	-	-	1	-
Maxey.	-	-	-	1

Investigations were made and reports submitted to the Medical Officer of Health. Disinfection was carried out where necessary.

National Assistance Act 1948 (Section 50)

There were no cases dealt with during the year.

Public Health Act - Complaints.

23 complaints were received during the year. 23 informal notices were issued and 16 were complied with by the end of the year.

Milk and dairies Regulations.

There is now only one registered dairy in the district and this is used only for storage purposes as all milk is bought in bottles from outside the district.

Licences issued during the year :-

2	supplementary licences to retail	sterilised milk.
3	" " " "	tuberculin tested milk.
3	" " " "	pasteurised milk.
2	dealers licences to retail	sterilised milk.
1	" " " "	pasteurised milk.

Slaughterhouses.

There are three licensed private slaughterhouses in the district all serving butchers shops. They have all been well maintained and kept clean during the year and the licences were renewed for a further 13 months.

Meat Inspection.

Meat inspection continues to be carried out at the three licensed slaughterhouses as soon as practicable after slaughter and I am pleased to report that 100% inspection is maintained.

A total of 263 visits was made and the number of carcasses examined was :-

Beasts 176. Pigs 177. Sheep 378.

The following was condemned and disposed of to a firm dealing in waste products :-

3	beasts livers	-	abscesses.
4	" "	-	distomatosis.
1	" lungs	-	pneumonia .
4	" "	-	T.B.
1	" liver	-	T.B.
1	" head	-	T.B.
1	forequarter beef	-	T.B.
6	pigs hearts	-	pericarditis.
1	pigs liver	-	cirrhosis.
2	" kidneys	-	retention cysts.
5	" heads	-	T.B.
1	" mesentery	-	T.B.

Unsound Food.

The following unsound food was condemned :-

2 x 4 lb. tins of luncheon meat (blown tins).
11 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of beef (cod & thick flank) (decomposing).
1 x 4 lb. tin of Danish port. (blown tin).

Food Premises.

The number of food premises on the register is 40.

Number of inspections - 42.

<u>Defects.</u>	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>
Absence of hot water	1	1
Dirty walls	1	1

Shops Act.

There are 50 shops on the register and 45 inspections were made. There were no contraventions of the Act.

Factory Act.

The number of factories on the register at the end of the year was 32.

Number of inspections made 20.
Informal notices served 1.
Complied with 1.
Prosecutions Nil.

Rodent Control - Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

Inspections made (estimated numbers).

At private dwellings 284.
At business premises 41.
At agricultural premises 36.
At Council property 3.

The majority of inspections were carried out at the time of inspection for other purposes. Very few complaints were received and the majority of owners and occupiers preferred to carry out treatment themselves.

Treatments carried out :-

Refuse Tip 3. Sewerage Dykes 2. Private Houses 1.

Housing.

Private Building.

44 houses were completed during the year, an increase of 4 over the number built in 1957. They were distributed in the following Parishes :-

Ailsworth 4. Castor 2. Deeping Gate 3. Etton 1. Eye 4.
Glington 6. Helpston 2. Marholm 2. Maxey 3. Newborough 5.
Northborough 12.

This brings the total number of houses erected by private enterprise since 1946, to 270.

There were 25 houses in the course of erection at the end of the year, distributed as follows :-

Ailsworth 2. Castor 1. Deeping Gate 2. Eye 4. Glinton 3.
Helpston 2. Maxey 1. Newborough 3. Northborough 7.

Housing Acts - Improvement Grants.

10 applications for grants for improving 11 properties were received and granted during the year. The total amount of grants made was £3,498. (an average of £318 per dwelling). The number of grants showed a decrease of 5 on the previous year.

6 grants were for tenanted properties and 5 were for owner/occupiers. Work was completed at 5 of the properties and was in progress at 5 others.

Rent Act 1957 - Certificate of Disrepair.

8 applications were received during the year. 4 Certificates were issued and undertakings to carry out repairs were given in 3 other cases by the Landlords. 1 Certificate was cancelled on completion of repairs.

Council Houses.

(a) Building.

6 bungalows in the Parish of Northborough were completed during the year. In course of erection were 4 bungalows at Maxey, 2 houses and 2 bungalows at Etton and 8 bungalows at Castor.

Tenders were received for the erection of 6 bungalows at Helpston and plans were approved for the erection of 8 houses at Eyebury Road, Eye, on the site of 4 old houses bought by the Council with land for housing purposes in 1914, which are beyond economical improvement and which are to be ultimately demolished.

(b) Improvements.

Hot water systems were fitted in 6 pre-war houses, Nos. 9-19 Eyebury Road, Eye. With the exception of 8 - 1914 houses (Nos. 5-19 Back Lane, Eye) for which plans for new bathrooms were approved at the end of the year, all pre-war houses now have hot water systems.

(c) Maintenance.

External painting of 157 houses (Eye 105; Castor 38; Upton 6; Marholm 8) was well under way at the end of the year.

Work was commenced on the systematic inspection of all pre-war houses with a view to carrying out any necessary repairs, replacement of old shallow sinks by new deep ones, the bringing up to a uniform standard of electrical installations and repairs to boundary fences. This work was nearly completed at 10 houses in School Road, Newborough and inspections were proceeding at the Borough Fen houses and at Nos. 9-19 Eyebury Road, Eye.

Slum Clearance.

In December, the Council declared two Clearance Areas in Werrington Bridge Road, Newborough. One contains 8 houses and the other 4. The Council intend to purchase the latter site with a view to building 2 bungalows and 6 houses to re-house the occupants of the houses in both areas.

Demolition Orders made 5.

Closing Orders made 7.

Houses demolished pursuant to Demolition Orders 10.

Plans.

The number of plans submitted for approval under Building Byelaws was 104, an increase of 11 over the number received in 1957.

Public Cleansing.

(a) Cesspool Emptying.

In August, the Council inaugurated a cesspool emptying scheme for the district and up to the end of the year, a total of 165

tanks was emptied, as follows :-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Private Houses.</u>	<u>Council Houses.</u>	<u>Business Premises</u>
Ailsworth	1	-	-
Borough Fen	2	1	-
Castor	2	3	-
Deeping Gate	5	-	-
Etton	1	-	-
Eye	18	-	2
Glington	19	8	-
Helpston	4	7	-
Marholm	8	9	-
Maxey	3	9	-
Newborough	8	15	-
Northborough	19	9	-
Peakirk	-	2	1
Sutton	-	-	-
Upton	1	2	-
Houses outside the district.	6	-	-
	<u>97</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>3</u>

Disposal took place mainly on agricultural land and at the Swaddiwell Pit, Marholm. Negotiations were taking place with the City Council to tip into the sewers in the district, which finally discharge into the Corporation sewers. This would considerably reduce the haul.

(b) Night Soil Collection.

This work is carried out by contract and no complaints were received during the year.

The Newborough Contract was extended to allow for collection from 12 houses along the collection route between Peakirk and Newborough.

It is anticipated that collections in Castor and Ailsworth will be greatly reduced following the completion of the Sewerage Scheme for those Parishes.

(c) Refuse Collection.

The collection of house refuse is carried out fortnightly by contract from all but isolated houses and very few complaints were received. Following complaints of dust and refuse blowing off the lorry, the Contractor has agreed to fix a hard top to his vehicle.

Drainage and Sewerage Disposal.

It is pleasing to be able to report that the Sewerage Scheme for Castor and Ailsworth was virtually completed by the end of the year and the effluent was being discharged via a pumping station at Milton Ferry into the Peterborough Corporation sewer at Longthorpe.

About 50 connections had been made to the new sewers, most of these being made by the Contractors when disconnecting from the old combined street drain and re-connecting to the new sewers. The Council decided while the contract was in progress, to lay lateral pipes from the sewers to the boundaries of properties on this and all future sewerage schemes.

Work commenced in the Autumn on the major Sewerage Scheme for the district, to serve the Parishes of Glington, Helpston, Etton and Peakirk and the Scheme is so phased that as the work is completed in each village, properties will be able to connect up. Work is in progress in Glington and it is hoped, will be substantially completed in 1959.

As a result of a request from the Ministry for applications from Local Authorities to proceed with capital works that could be completed in 1959, the Council decided to carry out the Sewerage Scheme for Deeping Gate, the effluent from which will be pumped into the South Kesteven R.D.C.'s sewer at Market Deeping.

The scheme for Maxey, Northborough and Marholm is to be ready for tender when work on the Glington scheme is substantially completed.

During the year, 22 bucket and vault closets were converted to water closets in the following Parishes :-

Borough Fen 1. Castor 1. Deeping Gate 1. Eye 9. Etton 1.
Glington 1. Helpston 1. Marholm 2. Newborough 2. Maxey 1.
Northborough 1. Peakirk 1.

Water Supply.

During the year, a 3" Asbestos Cement Main was laid at Tuckers Nook, Maxey, to link up with existing mains in High Street and West End Road, and to provide a supply for Council bungalows.

A 1" polythene service was laid from the end of the existing main at Fox Covert Road, Peakirk, to supply the Fox Covert Railway Crossing house.

Plans were also approved to lay polythene services at Woodcroft Road, Etton, to supply 3 houses and at Waterworks Lane, Glington, to supply 3 houses and a field.

A scheme to improve pressures at Eye is hoped to be commenced next year and the Consulting Engineers are investigating the future demands for the Parishes of Castor, Ailsworth, Sutton and Upton.

The total quantity of water purchased in bulk from the City of Peterborough, was 70,154,000 gallons as against 61,813,000 gallons purchased in 1957, an increase of about 8,000,000 gallons. As there were very few burst mains, this increase must largely be accounted for by new buildings and provision of bathrooms and W.C.'s to existing houses.

37 new connections have been made to the Council's water mains 31 were for new houses and bungalows, 4 to fields, 1 to the Helpston Paper Mill (by meter) and 1 to the Market Deeping Cricket Field (fixed charge).

Petroleum Act.

50 licences were issued during the year to store petroleum spirit for private usage and for sale. The amount of fees collected was £30. 5. 0.

I feel I should not conclude this report without making reference to the retirement during the year, after long years of service, of the Council's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. W.A. Hawes, and the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, Mr. C. Green, and to thank them for helping me to learn the varied duties of the appointment and for the cordial relations that always existed between us. To them I wish a long and happy retirement.

I should also like to place on record, my thanks to Mr. Stanley, the Clerk of Works; Miss J. Garford, office clerk, and the workmen, all of whom have carried out their duties most efficiently and conscientiously.

I am,
Sir and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

M.R. GIBBS.

January, 1959.